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Letter dated 31 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I would like to congratulate you and your delegation for your successful and innovative presidency of the Security Council during the month of October 2000. In particular, I would like to commend you for hosting a successful open debate on the important subject of "Women and peace and security". My delegation was especially pleased by your innovative use of the "Arria formula" in order to hear the views of civil society and field experts. We appreciate the fact that you chose to hear all the views of Member States and others before entering into final deliberations to adopt resolution 1325 (2000). We sincerely hope that the transparency and participatory procedure that you adopted during your presidency will serve as a model for future Security Council deliberations on issues of such importance to all Member States.

I would be grateful if you would circulate this letter as a document of the Security Council.

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